

**RaYBaSH's Torah Thoughts for Kid's
Parashah # 30 Kedoshim "Holiness"
Vayikra / Leviticus 19:1-20:27
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In our Torah portion this week we read:

"Love your neighbor as yourself."

Doing this is much harder than it sounds. It's not just about not doing that to others that you wouldn't want done to you, but...

Let's say a group of kids at school is picking on another kid whose not popular; calling him "cry baby", "nerd", "dork" and just generally picking on and making fun of him. Loving your neighbor doesn't just mean not joining in on picking on the kid. But loving your neighbor demands that you jump in and stick up for the poor guy. Telling the others to stop, even if that means they end up picking on you!

Think about it, if someone were picking on you, surely you'd want someone to help you make them stop, right?

So loving your neighbor sometimes means being brave.

Shabbat Shalom and Shavuah Tov.
-- Yehudah ben Shomeyr